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QUOTE:

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SUBJECT: LOS: CHINESE STATEMENT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: CHINESE REP MADE FIRST FORMAL STATEMENT ON SUB-  
STANCE IN LOS CONFERENCE STRONGLY ATTACKING USSR AND RESTATING  
CHINESE POSITION IN LOS. END SUMMARY

2. HEAD OF CHINESE DELEGATION CHAI SHU-FAN, CHINESE VICE MINISTER  
FOREIGN TRADE, MADE FORMAL STATEMENT IN LOS IN PLENARY DEBATE.  
HE BEGAN BY PUTTING LOS CONFERENCE ON CONTEXT STRUGGLE OF THIRD  
WORLD AGAINST HEGEMONY OF TWO SUPER-POWERS. HE COMPLAINED THAT  
TWO SUPER-POWERS HAVE MADE CONTENTION OVER THE SEAS AN IMPORTANT  
PART OF THEIR GLOBAL STRATEGY AND ARE COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER  
TO BUILD UP THEIR NAVAL FORCES AND ESTABLISH MILITARY BASES.  
CHAI OBSERVED THAT TWO SUPER-POWERS ARE BESET WITH TROUBLES  
AT HOME AND ABROAD; THEIR AGGRESSION IS A CAUSE OF WORLD  
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INTRANQUILITY BUT PRESSURE AGAINST SUPER-POWERS IS IRRESISTABLE

AS COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, AND THE PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION."

3. CHAI MADE LONG STATEMENT ATTACKING USSR (WITHOUT NAMING IT SPECIFICALLY) COMMENTING THAT "SUPER-POWER THAT FLAUNTS THE POWER OF SOCIALISM IS ESPECIALLY VISCIOUS IN ITS ATTACKS." CHAI CITED AS NOTABLE EXAMPLES OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIRD WORLD, MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN DECLARATION OF RIGHTS IN STRAITS OF MALACCA, DEMAND FOR INDIAN OCEAN AS A "ZONE OF PEACE," AND CALL FOR A "MEDITERRANEAN OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES." CHINESE DERIDED RECENT SOVIET AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE ARGUING THAT IT SET PRECONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON ACCEPTANCE OF ZONE.

4. CHAI SAID THAT TERRITORIAL SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONE CAN BE DEFINED BY EACH COUNTRY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT LEGITIMATE INTEREST OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND CONVENIENCE OF INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION. WHILE NOT SPECIFICALLY ADOPTING 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE CHINESE EXPRESSED FIRM SUPPORT FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD DONE SO. CHAI STATED THAT LANDLOCKED STATES SHOULD ENJOY REASONABLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS IN THE ECONOMIC ZONES OF NEIGHBORING COASTAL STATES AND SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT OF TRANSIT THROUGH THE TERRITORY AND TERRITORIAL SEAS OF THE LATTER. ON STRAITS, CHAI STATED THAT QUESTION OF STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION IS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION WHICH MUST BE REASONABLY RESOLVED UNDER NEW LAW OF THE SEA. HE STATED THAT COASTAL STATES HAVE RIGHT TO REGULATE INTERNATIONAL STRAITS AND FORMULATE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR SECURITY NEEDS, WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONVENIENCE OF INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION AND SOME REASONABLE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS NON-MILITARY SHIPS SHOULD HAVE RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE WHILE MILITARY SHIPS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO COASTAL STATE REGULATIONS AND PRIOR NOTIFICATION.

5. IN CONCLUDING, CHAI STRESSED COMMON OBJECTIVES WITH THIRD WORLD. ALTHOUGH ACKNOWLEDGING THERE ARE DIFFERENCES AMONG LDCS HE STATED IT WAS POSSIBLE WORK OUT REASONABLE SOLUTIONS THROUGH FRIENDLY CONSULTATIONS WHILE RESERVING DIFFERENCES. CHAI CHARACTERIZED CHINA AS A DEVELOPING SOCIALIST COUNTRY BELONGING TO THE THIRD WORLD AND STATED THAT THE PRC

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WOULD STAND WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND WORK TOGETHER WITH THEM TO ESTABLISH A FAIR AND REASONABLE NEW LAW OF THE SEA.

6. CHAI SAID THAT REPRESENTATION OF THE "TRAITOROUS LON NOL CLIQUE" WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A "HANDFUL OF NATIONAL SCUM" IS ILLEGAL. HE FURTHER COMPLAINED THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE THAT SAIGON REPRESENT SOUTH VIETNAM AT CONFERENCE AND REFERRED TO EARLIER GVN STATEMENT IN REGARD TO HSISHA AND NANSHA ISLANDS

WHICH HE SAID ARE AN INALIENABLE PART OF CHINESE TERRITORY.  
HE STATED CHINA FULLY SYMPATHIZES WITH ARAB AND AFRICAN CONCERN  
OVER ABSENCE OF REPRESENTATION FROM NATIONAL LIBERATION ORGANIZA-  
TION FROM CONFERENCE AND BELIEVES THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD  
BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE.

7. AT END OF SESSION, SOVIET REP KOLOSOVSKY ROMANOV TOOK FLOOR  
TO DEPLORE VIRULENT ATTACK BY "CERTAIN DELEGATION." MISREPRESENTA-  
TIONS, DISTORTION AND SLANDER OF THAT STATEMENT  
WERE ENTIRELY OUT OF TUNE WITH COOPERATIVE SPIRIT DISPLAYED IN  
INITIAL DAYS OF CARACAS SESSION. AGREEMENT ON RULES OF PROCEDURE  
REFLECTED SUCH SPIRIT. KOLOSOVSKY ROMANOV CLOSED BY EXPRESSING  
BELIEF THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS WOULD  
REJECT ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE ON CONFERENCE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
EMPLOYED BY "RED GUARDS."

8. AMERASINGHE ALSO INTERVENED IN REACTION TO PRC STATEMENT,  
CALLING UPON DELEGATES TO MAINTAIN DECORUM OF SESSION  
AND TO REFRAIN FROM "GRATUITOUS" CRITICISM OF OTHER DELEGA-  
TIONS.

9. GVN AND GKR REPS IN EXERCISE RIGHT OF REPLY ENTERED BRIEF  
BUT STRONG REBUTTALS TO PRC STATEMENT.  
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